

# San Nicolas Community Paper

Unity In The Community Foundation



## Stay Home, And Let This Virus Starve

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Uniting our  
Community

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## My Grandmother, Corona, and my neighbor's Cat.

A few days ago I saw a report on the BBC about cleaners having to go to work in the midst of the Corona pandemic. Cleanliness remains godliness, perhaps even more so these days, and once again it is those who earn the least that have to keep western civilization looking immaculate. Most of us see the spotless buildings and streets, but most of us do not really see them. They are invisible and voiceless, even when they are in front of us—the well-paid and well-educated—as we grab our coffee to return to our computers. We nod at them as they vacuum or sanitize the toilets, but we do not really see them or hear them. Like the doctors and nurses, the cleaners too lest we forget are on the frontlines. And many of them women. Brave women. Not perfect, not immaculate, but brave.

I knew one of these cleaners personally, her name was Elza and she was my maternal grandmother. Come rain or storm, she went out and cleaned the high school on Aruba where she worked. No matter what global or local crises there were in her



lifetime—Aids, the Vietnam war, the Cuban missile crises, the British invasion of the Falkland Islands, the civil war in Libanon, South African Apartheid, the break-up of the Netherlands Antilles when Aruba went her separate way, etc.—my grandmother steadfastly went to her cleaning job. She acknowledged the crises, but she went and did her job. Nothing could stop her from doing so. Her life exemplified an ethic of never

letting the news of the world, Big Events, takeover our lives; the struggle of the family was our way of righting the world too.

When her children grew up and wanted to take care of her, as she had taken care of them, by giving her part of their salary, she refused. She loved her job. Cleaning had meaning and purpose. She had a devotion to her profession. Cleaning is a profession she would say, and not any and everybody can do it. I looked up to her, and one my favorite things as a child was to accompany Elza to her work. One day she rhetorically asked me if I knew why she liked cleaning the school so much. She was doing it for me. I had just received an excellent report card. I was ten and thought I was grown-up. So I said it was a good thing to do, right. And that it was a way for her to earn money. She smiled and summoned me to be quiet. She then said that she was keeping the buildings clean, because she was sure that if I continued to do my best in school, one day I would be attending college. She was preparing the way for me.

I would like to think that some of the cleaners say something similar to their

children and grandchildren. They live the Corona time, but also their own time and their family's time. Time is layered, it consist of global times, local times, the time of our families, and our personal time. In all of these times there are struggles and strife, gains and victories, that do not add up to one global time. Newsworthy events like this Corona pandemic often have a way of making us oblivious to the multiplicity of time.

...strangely enough it was the neighbour's cat that I observed trying desperately to climb a tree to raid a bird's nest, that reminded me that human time is not the only time. Could this be one of the ways that Corona matters?



# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

# STOP DI PLANE



GOBIERNO DI ARUBA

## SHELTER IN PLACE

ENTRANTE DIADOMINGO 29 MAART 12:00 AM

# ACTIVIDADNAN NO ESENCIAL:

### INSTITUCIONNAN EDUCACIONAL

- Creche
- Kleuterschool
- Scolnan
- Universidadnan
- Facilidadnan pa duna curso

### TIENDANAN

- Luganan di paña, asesorio, joyeria y souvenirs
- Tur Shopping mall y tiendanan (outlets)
- Flea markets, mercado pa turista, kiosko

### CUMINDA Y BEBIDA (HORECA)

- Tur Bar
- Trucknan banda di caminda: (Take out of delivery por sigui)
- Panaderia (Take out of delivery por)
- Tur Restaurant (Take out of delivery por)

### ACTIVIDADNAN RECREACIONAL

- Casino
- Clubnan nocturno
- Tur entretenimento pa adulto
- Tur exposicion di arte
- Centronan recreacional
- Cinema
- Tur compania cu ta ofrece actividadnan recreacional
- Luganan pa haci ehercicio y tur otro luga deportivo
- Museo
- Tur luga di beyesa: (Beauty shop, barber shop etc.)

### OTRO

- Luganan cu ta tene reunionnan
- Tur luga di evento
- Misa
- Proyectonan di construccion



## Will Baby Beach Resort Still Continue?

The Coronavirus Crisis has turned the world upside down. Due to the Crisis Worldwide schools are closed, businesses are closed, borders are closed. And due to the last mentioned millions of workers lost their jobs.

Within this the airline and tourism industry, business, for them, has gone rock bottom. Taken in consideration what the Tourism Industry is going through at the moment, the question rises, what is going to become of Aruba's Secrets Baby Beach Resort project. Are the investors going to continue on full force, whenever the

Coronavirus crisis is over, thinking by the time the project is completed the Tourism Sector will "back on its feet". Or is going to wait and see, whenever the Tourism is, as it used to be, and from there on continue with the building of the hotel? Or in the days ahead will decide to discontinue the project. But whatever the decision may be, the donkeys have already left their tracks on the worksite.



## Fires Continue During The Curfew Hours!

We mentioned in the last edition that persons were starting fires as soon as curfew starts, this time these sick minded people took it to the next level by jumping over the refinery gate and burning down the security post. The refinery is not functioning however if you really love San

Nicolas, you know that if the refinery catches fire you will destroy the entire San Nicolas, taking away much more lives than the Corona virus we are currently fighting.

If you see anyone plotting or you catch them doing it, please call the police, WE have to take care of WE

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# ***Pharmacy On Duty***

***3rd April - 10th April***

***San Nicolas:***

***Botica San Nicolas 584 5712***

***Oranjestad:***

***Botica Eagle 640 8443***





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Ruta residencial ta lo siguiente:

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<b>Diabierna</b>	<b>10 April'20</b>	<b>Bierna Santo dia liber</b>



## Full Family Corona Virus Protection

